GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department — Procurement of Bajra under Minimum Support Price during Kharif 2023 — Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency- Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No.902 Dated:21.12.2023

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG. II) Department, Dated: 09-01-2020.
2. MSP for Kharif crops for KMS 2022-23 declared by GoI vide Dept. of Agricultural & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, letter dt:21-06-2023
3. No. Stat(2) 11/2023 dated:05-10-2023 received from Spl Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur
4. MD, AP Markfed, Lr. R.C.No.P&M/Bajra/MSP/KMS/2023, Dt:13.10.2023.

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**ORDER:**

In the Government Order 1st read above, the guidelines for Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of Coarse Grains were issued and communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government of India have communicated the declared Minimum Support Price for Bajra as Rs. 2500 per Qtl for KMS 2023-24.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Spl Commissioner of Agriculture has informed that, during Kharif 2023, Bajra is cultivated in area of 22,981 Ha., against previous year cultivated area of 20,918 Ha., and the expected Bajra production is 39,584 MTs during this season.

4. In the ref 4th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, as per the revised guidelines issued by Dept. of Food & Public Distribution for procurement of Coarse Grains under PSS Central Government will provide financial assistance for the coarse grains procured under MSP provided these procured coarse grains are to be distributed under PDS. In Andhra Pradesh, the Bajra is not distributed under PDS. Therefore, the Government of India may not provide any financial assistance for the procurement of Bajra under MSP, thus Bajra has to be procured in State Government account only.

5. Accordingly, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate, the AP Markfed as State Level Nodal Agency for procurement of Bajra under MSP during Kharif 2023 and the required funds of Rs. 30.11 crores for procurement of 9,896 MTs Bajra @ 30,426 per MT at MSP may be arranged from the Price Stabilization Fund of State Government. Further requested to bear the losses araised if any in the transaction (expected is about Rs. 9.33crores) by the State Government from Price Stabilization Fund(PSF).

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal hereby nominate the A.P Markfed as the State Nodal Agency for procurement of Bajra and permit to 10% of the total production i.e. 3958 MTs on MSP during Kharif 2023 with a direction to minimize expenditure on all the components of logistics/incidentals during procurement and duly following the modalities specified, and further advised to meet the losses if any from Central Market Fund :

(i) To reduce the storage charges at the previous procurement rate i.e.Rs.120/- per Qtl through negotiating with the owners of Godowns .

(ii) To liquidate the existing stock of bajra as early as possible before arrival of new stocks.

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(iii) To sell the procured quantity for a better price as was done previously by exploring the options like forward contracts or off-take agreements with large buyers to obtain a better price than currently proposed.

(iv) To meet the losses may arise from the MSP operations of Bajra from the Central Market Fund.

7. The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU. A &C, AH DD &F, CS) Department vide their U.O.No:FIN01- FMU0ASD(AC)/95/2023-FMU-AC-CS-AH, (C.No: 2247268),Dt: 08/11/2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY IFS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Guntur.
The Spl Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
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